

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
PSYCHIATRIC FACILITIES REVIEW BOARD

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Dear Sir:

I am pleased to submit herewith the fourth annual report of the Nova Scotia Psychiatric Facilities Review Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephen K. Mont, B.A., LL.B.
Chairman

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ACTIVITIES

During the fourth year of operation, April 1, 1982 to March 31, 1983, the Board conducted twenty-nine automatic reviews under Section 56 of the Act. Of these five patients had their status changed from formal to informal.

The Board received nine requests for reviews under Section 57 of the Act. Of these three were cancelled because the patient had been informal prior to the date set for the review. Of the remaining six requests, hearings resulted in three patients having their status changed from formal to informal.

The Board did not conduct any hearings under Section 52 of the Hospitals Act to determine whether there had been compliance with the requirements of that Section before psychosurgery could be performed.

The Chairman of the Board spoke at a Symposium on Law and Psychiatry in Saint John, New Brunswick and attended the Eighth International Congress on Law and Psychiatry in Quebec City.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND CONCLUSIONS

The Board draws your attention to its previous three reports and the recommendations contained therein. The Board recognizes that an internal review of the Hospitals Act within the Department of Health is now underway. The Board looks forward to presenting its views further to the committee reviewing the Act.